MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the number of representations received from the Misradayee Ezhavas?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: One has been received by Government.

Punishment of Police Inspectors.

263 * **MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Police Inspectors dismissed from service during the last year and the current year; and

(*b*) the nature of their guilt?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) One.

(*b*) He was discharged for grave misconduct involving corrupt practices.

Appointments and promotions made by Mr. Sundararajan.

264 * **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have or the Accountant-General has received any complaint about the appointments and the promotions made by Mr. Sundararajan while he was the Accountant-General?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the duties of the Financial Secretary*): No.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that certain clerks or typists are moving about during the session time of the Legislature approaching the members with their complaints about promotions and appointments?

PRESIDENT: I have heard of that especially with regard to appointments. I have heard that certain appointments and promotions made in this Department have led to certain people going about and approaching members of the Assembly and editors of newspapers. I have got the names of some of those people with me and what action Government will take on them will be seen shortly.

Appointments in the Accountant General's office.

265. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any post was recently created in the Accountant General's office in the higher grade which was subsequently abolished; and

(*b*) the necessity for such creation and subsequent abolition, with the name of the person benefited thereby?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: (*a*) Yes. A temporary post of Assistant Superintendent on Rs. 100-125 from 1-6-1116 to the end of Kumbham 1116.

(*b*) In connection with the special work of compilation of the Finance and Revenue Accounts for the year 1115 and the Budget Memorandum for 1117. The post was abolished on the completion of the work (after two months). Mr. G. Harihara Aiyar M. A., B. L., was appointed to the post.

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MR. G. VELU PILLAI: With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know how many years' service he has put in?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: I think he has put in eight or ten years' service.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know what he was getting before he was appointed to the post?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: He was getting Rs. 70.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether he had seniors when he was promoted?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: He had seniors above him.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know why he was preferred?

PRESIDENT: The rule enforced by Government is that seniority is a test but very generally comparatively secondary test. If promotions are given merely on the basis of seniority, Government do not consider that the task has been adequately discharged. Hereafter each promotion will depend on the person's efficiency primarily and secondarily on seniority.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know why he was promoted over all the seniors?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Because he had a special aptitude for the particular work which he was asked to take up.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether there was any efficiency test conducted before he was promoted?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: For that particular work he showed a special aptitude which was recognised for his promotion.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know if it was a case of appointing an additional person on special duty or the creation of a post?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: A post on Rs. 100-125 was specifically created for this work keeping in abeyance a post on Rs 40-70.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know whether it is a desirable thing to create such posts at the end of the year?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: For special works such appointments have occasionally to be made.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the person in question was an auditor?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Yes. He was an auditor.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether he had passed any efficiency test for this appointment?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: He had passed the Higher Departmental Examination before he was appointed as an Accountant.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Was there any written test?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Yes. One such examination was conducted in Kumbham or Meenam this year.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Was the promotion given for efficiency by scrutinising the written examination results?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Promotions to the grade of Accountants are being made on the basis of the results of the Higher Departmental Examination.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what grade he was occupying before he was promoted ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: He was getting Rs. 70 in the 40-70 scale, as already explained to the House.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know, Sir, whether he has passed the Higher Departmental Test ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: He has passed the test and he stood first in the examination.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Who set the paper for the examination ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: The Examiner appointed for that purpose.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the name of that examiner ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: The Examiner was Mr. Sundararajan, the then Accountant-General.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Who valued the paper ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: The officer who set the paper.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know who recommended for his promotion ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: The person who was competent to recommend such promotions.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the setting up the question paper, the valuation work of the answer paper and the recommendation for promotion was done by one and the same person ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: Yes. He was the Head of the Department and he was the person competent to do so.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the answer paper is available for scrutiny ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: The answer books are recorded in the office.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know what pay he is getting now ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: This Accountant is getting Rs. 100 in the scale of Rs. 100-125.

Traffic Department.

266 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to name the officer with whom the charge and responsibilities of the Travancore Traffic Department rest ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The Traffic Department works directly under the Deputy Inspector-General of Police and is supervised by the Inspector-General of Police.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഡി. ഐ. ജി. ക്ക് ട്രാഫിക്കി ന്റെ ചാർജ്ജാണെന്ന കാണുന്നു. അപ്പോൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജനറലിനു വെറും സൂപ്രവിഷൻ മാത്രമേ ഉള്ളോ ? അതോ അപ്പീലധികാരവുമുണ്ടോ ?

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